

CHAPTER 7

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

BASIS AND STRUCTURE

Communities are often defined by their civic activities and the places where these activities are conducted. The fourteen municipalities of the Meadowlands District contain a number of community facilities at locations both within and outside District boundaries. A community facility is a building or structure owned and operated by a government or non-profit agency to provide a service to the public. Community facilities consist of educational or cultural facilities, historic sites, libraries, hospitals, firehouses, police stations, utilities, and other related facilities. Parklands and other recreational lands, sometimes addressed in inventories of community facilities and plans, are included in Chapter 5, Environmental Preservation and Enhancement.

Utilities that are studied include potable water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and private utilities. The discussion of private utilities is not intended to be comprehensive, as these utilities involve readily adaptable technologies that can be upgraded or expanded by their respective providers. Flood control and storm water management, often included in utility studies, are addressed in Chapter 5, Environmental Preservation and Enhancement.

Many facilities, particularly those that primarily serve residential areas, are located outside the District. In some instances, these facilities may serve all or a portion of the District. Consequently, an inventory of community facilities that encompasses the full extent of the District's municipalities can be valuable when considering future needs within the District. This chapter describes the existing community facilities for the District's fourteen municipalities. These facilities encompass land uses categorized as "public and quasi public services" in Chapter 3, Land Use, as well as utilities included within "communication & utilities." The regional data should assist municipalities and other decision-makers in their own planning for community facilities. The data also acknowledge that a comprehensive plan should not only cover the entire geographic area of the District, but all the functions that make the District work.

The NJMC recognizes the importance of supporting the District's municipalities in their provision of quality facilities and infrastructure. At its December 2002 meeting, the Commission approved approximately \$1.75 million in assistance benefiting the fourteen municipalities. Funds were conferred for projects such as equipment purchases, flood control structures, and transportation for school districts and senior citizen organizations to the Meadowlands Environment Center.

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EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The availability of efficient, quality services is essential to providing a high quality environment for residents, businesses, and visitors. The locations and capacities of certain community facilities are often determinants as to where various land uses can be located. How certain facilities, particularly utilities, are supplied within the District can also have impacts on the natural environment.

The NJMC completed an initial inventory of community facilities in 1999 through telephone surveys with officials of the District's fourteen municipalities. The information was updated through written surveys distributed to Municipal Clerks in 2001. The inventory yielded information about the types and locations of facilities, their functions and services, and staffing. The information is summarized in the tables and text appearing on the following pages. Facilities located within the District are included as Map 11. Service areas for sewer and water appear as Map 12.

The reader is cautioned against using this information to make comparisons among municipalities with regard to adequacy of basic services or the level of amenities. The inventory is not intended to identify all facilities. It concentrates on those located within the District or near the District's boundaries. Also, the municipalities vary widely with regard to numbers of residents, daytime populations, and other factors of particular relevance to the level of basic services.



FIGURES 7.1 and 7.2 *Community facilities give place recognition to the District and its municipalities, fostering a sense of place unique to the District.*

FIGURE 7.1 (above) *The Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey, located in Teterboro, was founded in 1972. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of the State's aviation and space heritage.*

FIGURE 7.2 (left) *Borough of Little Ferry Fire Department.*

FIGURE 7.3 Police Facilities in the District's Municipalities

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>HEADQUARTERS/ PRECINCT LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIFORMED OFFICERS</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS</u>
Bergen County:			
Carlstadt	Municipal Building 500 Madison Street	30	Yes. With contiguous in-County municipalities.
East Rutherford	312 Grove Street	33	
Little Ferry	215-217 Liberty Street	27	Yes. With Teterboro.
Lyndhurst	367 Valley Brook Avenue	49	Yes.
Moonachie	70 Moonachie Road	16	Yes. With Teterboro.
North Arlington	214 Ridge Road	33	
Ridgefield	Municipal Building 604 Broad Avenue	25	
Rutherford	Borough Hall 184 Park Avenue	46	
South Hackensack	227 Phillips Avenue	18	
Teterboro	N/A	N/A	Services provided by Little Ferry and Moonachie.
Hudson County:			
Jersey City	Headquarters at 8-14 Erie St. 11 additional facilities	870	
Kearny	237 Laurel Avenue 2 additional facilities	110	
North Bergen	4233 Kennedy Blvd. 6100 Tonnelle Avenue	116	
Secaucus	1203 Paterson Plank Road	55	Yes. All Hudson County municipalities.

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FIGURE 7.4 Fire Fighting Facilities in the District's Municipalities

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>HEADQUARTERS/ STATION LOCATION</u>	<u>PAID(P)/ VOLUNTEER(V)</u>	<u>FIRE- FIGHTERS</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS</u>
Bergen County:				
Carlstadt	500 Jefferson Avenue 480 Washington Ave.	V	83	Yes. All South Ber- gen municipalities.
East Rutherford	312 Grove Street; 107 Carlton, Herman Street	V	80	Yes. All South Ber- gen municipalities.
Little Ferry	50 Maple St; 124 Main St.	V	46	Yes. Moonachie, Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, Wood-ridge, Wallington.
Lyndhurst	299 Delafield Avenue	V	76	Yes.
Moonachie	111 Moonachie Road	V	25	Yes. All South Ber- gen municipalities.
North Arlington	3 Legion Pl.; River Road; 575 Schuyler Avenue	V	75	Yes. All South Ber- gen municipalities.
Ridgefield	Ray Ave. & Broad Ave.; Bergen Blvd. & Oakdent Ave.; 530 Shaler Boulevard	V	60	
Rutherford	350 Union Ave.; 44 Ames Ave.; 400 Mortimer Ave.	V	73	Yes.
S. Hackensack	51 Worth St.; Calicooneck Rd.	V	35	Yes. Mid-Bergen .
Teterboro	N/A	N/A	N/A	Services by Hasbrouck Heights.
Hudson County:				
Jersey City	465 Maria Blvd. (HQ); 16 additional stations	P	428	
Kearny	109 Midland Ave. (HQ); 3 additional stations	P	106	
North Bergen	Five stations	P	350	Yes. North Hudson Re- gional Fire Department.
Secaucus	1203 Paterson Plank Rd. (HQ); 4 additional stations	V	85	South Bergen County.

FIGURE 7.5 Emergency Rescue Squads in the District's Municipalities

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PAID(P)/ VOLUNTEER(V)</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS</u>
Bergen County:			
Carlstadt	424 Washington Ave.	V	
East Rutherford	312 Grove St.	V	
Little Ferry	Main Avenue & Pickens St.	V	
Lyndhurst	297 Delifield Avenue	V	
Moonachie	121 Moonachie Road	V	
North Arlington	575 Schulyer Avenue	V	
Ridgefield	403 Shaler Boulevard	V	
Rutherford	44 Ames Avenue	V	
S. Hackensack	227 Phillips Avenue	V	
Teterboro		P/V	Services by Hasbrouck Heights.
Hudson County:			
Jersey City	Jersey City Medical Center 50 Baldwin Avenue	P	
Kearny	352 Maple Street	P	
North Bergen	61st St. & Tonnelle Ave.	P/V	
Secaucus		P	Operates from Jersey City Medical Center & satellite Secaucus Police Dept.

FIGURE 7.6 Medical Facilities in the District's Municipalities

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>FACILITY/LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF BEDS</u>
Jersey City	Jersey City Medical Center 50 Baldwin Avenue	350
	Christ Hospital 176 Palisade Avenue	402
	St. Francis Hospital 25 McWilliams Place	243
	Greenville Hospital 1825 Kennedy Boulevard	86
	Franciscan Home and Rehab 198 Stevens Avenue	183
Kearny	West Hudson Hospital Bergen Avenue	250
North Bergen	Palisades General Hospital 7600 River Road	202
Secaucus	Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center/ Riverside General Hospital Meadowlands Parkway	200
	Meadowview County Hospital County Road	400